

The church of Christ at Luverne

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Assembly Assignments for May, 2009

The Lord's Supper

Robb Sanders / John Frost / Steve Sanders / Zach Wilson

Announcements

Bob Williams

Building Duties

Steven Frost

Greeters

Larry Wyrosdick
Charles Compton

Nursing Home Duties

Reed Kilcrease
Josh McCartha

Lord's Supper Preparation

Bonnell Morgan

Scripture Reading

Jonathon Welch

Privileged to Serve on May 17, 2009

Morning Prayer

Darrin Sanders (opening)
Andrew Moorer (closing)

Evening Prayer

Keith Hermeling (opening)
Russ Kilcrease (closing)

Song Leader

Ross Sanders

A/V Equipment

Isaac Sanders

If you are unable to serve, please contact Danny Rolling – 429-0055/335-3030
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

The Messenger



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Services

Every Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 5:00 PM

Every Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

THE TRUE MEASURE OF STRENGTH

Raymond Elliott

We have often heard the statement that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. While this is true regarding a chain, it is not true of a local congregation. The analogy between a chain and the church is not accurate. It would be incorrect to say that a congregation is no stronger than its weakest member. The church of the Lord would certainly be in a terrible condition if that were true. The strength of a congregation is measured by its leadership, the spiritual maturity of the membership, its dependence upon the grace of God and His guidance provided through the Holy Scriptures, and the involvement of each Christian in the work of the Lord. We are thankful for those members who are endeavoring to conform their lives to the image of the Son of God. But, what kind of a congregation would we have if each member were just like me? Each one of us needs to wrestle with that thought. It might mean that the assemblies to study the Bible and to worship God would be discontinued, our benevolent and missionary efforts would cease, the sick would not be visited and there would be no effort to teach the lost about Jesus Christ. In short, the doors of the church building would be closed and the church would cease to exist in the local community. How sad! But, did you know that such has actually happened in some locales? "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God. *"Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you"* (Revelation 3:2,3). The church in Sardis did not heed this exhortation and ceased to exist. We are indeed thankful for those Christians who contribute to the strength and growth of the Lord's church. Even in the "dead" church at Sardis the Lord gave this commendation: *"You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garment, and I will not blot out his name for the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels"* (Revelation 3:4,5). May God continue to bless your labors of love in His kingdom and to His glory.



In Our Prayers

- Joe Doris Anderson – improved
- Marie Clemmons – improved
- Raymond Elliott - test
- Joe Griffin – general health
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Cecil Kelley – COPD; general health
- Chris Kyser – serious health problems
- Hannah Laird – tubes in ears; went really well
- J. T. Owens – lung cancer
- Lindsay Turner – continuing recovery

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

- Frances Burgans Margaret Hall
- Allene Mount Edwina Rolling
- *Pray for those who have lost loved ones.*

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Fannie Nichols. She was sister Frances Noble's mother.

- Pray for soldiers overseas: Kevin Singleton

-Pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to all our graduates!

J. W. Furr, Keith Hermeling, Isaac Sanders, and Steven and Chrystal Frost plan a mission trip to Panama June 4-14. Please pray for the success of the mission as well as their safety. If you can help with **over-the-counter medications (have enough aspirin)** for them to carry with them, please place them in the box in the foyer.

Kyle Butt will be speaking at 2:00 on Sunday, **May 31**, at the church of Christ in Ariton on **Answering Atheism: Does God Exist?** Earlier this year Kyle debated atheist Dan Barker at the University of South Carolina.

Shoebboxes for Panama are available to be picked up to fill for Christmas shipping. Spanish materials are already in the boxes.

IT DEPENDS UPON YOU AND ME, AND PEOPLE LIKE US

The average age of the great world civilizations has been two hundred years. All great nations have passed through this sequence:

- From bondage to spiritual faith.
- From spiritual faith to courage.
- From courage to liberty.
- From liberty to prosperity and material abundance.
- From prosperity to selfishness.
- From selfishness to complacency.
- From complacency to apathy.
- From apathy to dependence.
- From dependence back again to bondage.

Where does our civilization, these great United States of America, stand in this cycle? Our country is a few decades older than the average. Are we following the cycle? It is not inevitable. But it depends upon you and me and people like us, and our relationship to God. With God's guidance and strength – not to mention His love and grace – we can change the world. Remember that the Christian's hope does not rely upon statistics and formulas, but upon God and our faith in Him.

Gerald Cowan

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APRIL RECORDS

	SS	A.M.	P.M.	Wed.	Cont.
4-1-09				102	\$2,892.00
4-5-09	110	134	77	99	\$3,894.00
4-12-09	108	193	90	103	\$2,641.00
4-19-09	104	135	77	99	\$4,111.20
4-26-09	85	121	78	92	\$2,089.00